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- 1. A check for \$1266 representing the filing fee.
- 2. Application 43 pages, including 9 independent claims and 26 claims total.
- 3. Drawings 15 sheets of formal drawings containing 21 figures.
- 4. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-244176, filed August 31, 1999.

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